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SUBJECT: LIMA RETURNING TO NORMALCY; CONTINUING PRESS  
ALLEGATIONS.

REFS: STATE 28577 - LIMA 1070

1. FEBRUARY 8 LIMA PRESS DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY REFERENCE TO  
OSCAR FAURA'S STATEMENT RE POSSIBLE CIA INVOLVEMENT IN  
FEBRUARY 5-6 DISORDERS OR TO DEPARTMENT'S DENIAL THIS REGARD.  
THE PRESS CONTINUES MENTIONING CIA AND APRA, WITH RADICAL  
EXPRESO LEADING THE PACK WITH ITS TWISTED CHARGES. LAST  
NIGHT (FEBRUARY 7) WAS QUIET TO EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE  
ALTHOUGH NIGHT'S SILENCE WAS OCCASIONALLY BROKEN BY GUNFIRE,  
PRESUMABLY FROM SOLDIERS WARNING CIVILIANS TO GET OFF STREETS  
BECAUSE OF CURFEW, WHICH HAS NOT BEEN LIFTED. PRESS HIGH-  
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LIGHTS CONTINUE.

2. GOVERNMENT-OWNED CRONICA BANNER HEADLINES THAT "BARBARISM COST 1.2 BILLION SOLES" (ABOUT \$270 MILLION). FRONT PAGE IS FURTHER COLUMN OF HEADLINES, INCLUDING "BEWARE OF RUMORS" AND "CURFEW CONTINUES". ANONYMOUS EDITORIAL COLUMNIST CLAIMS THAT "SOME WEEKS BACK, SOME PEOPLE NOTED PRESENCE IN POLICE OF A GROUP OF OFFICERS WHO ORGANIZED THEMSELVES OUTSIDE THE INSTITUTION (POLICE), UNDER THE DIRECT TUTELAGE OF CIA, EFFECTED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES." COLUMNIST SUGGESTS THIS GROUP OF "MIDDLE GRADE OFFICERS" IS RESPONSIBLE FOR "AT LEAST ONE" OF THE ACTS OF TERRORISM.

3. EXPRESO HEADLINES THAT "THERE IS FOOD FOR ALL; DO NOT HOARD AND SPECULATE". (GOP COMMUNIQUE ARE ALSO DECLARING THAT THERE IS PLENTY OF FOOD AND THAT HOARDERS WILL BE PROSECUTED.) EXPRESO'S INSIDE PAGES ARE FULL OF ANTI-AMERICAN VENOM. COLUMNIST PACO MONCLOA DRAWS LESSONS FROM ALLEGED CIA-APRA COLLUSION, SAYING THAT WHAT GOVERNMENT NEEDS IS A MASSIVE POLITICAL ORGANIZATION CAPABLE OF FACING COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY MOBS IN THE STREETS. (COMMENT: NOTWITHSTANDING MONCLOA'S RABBLE-ROUSING ILLUSIONS, CIVILIAN POLITICAL SHOCK TROOPS WOULD APPEAR TO BE THE LAST THING THAT THE PERUVIAN ARMY WISHES.) IN ONE STORY, EXPRESO COMPLAINS ABOUT "ALARMING AND DISTORTED" VERSIONS ON RECENT LIMA CIVIL STRIFE OF U.S. SHORTWAVE BROADCASTERS, INCLUDING VOA, AFRTS, VOICE OF THE ANDES (QUITO), AND "VOZ DE LA AMISTAD" OF SAN FRANCISCO. EXPRESO STATES THAT "THE PRINCIPAL ONE, VOICE OF AMERICA, LAUNCHED FROM ITS STUDIOS IN WASHINGTON THE VERSION THAT "THE PERUVIAN FLEET HAD STEAMED FROM CALLAO WITH AN UNKNOWN DESTINY". (EMBASSY CONFIRMS THAT VOA DID INDEED CARRY THIS FALSE LIMA RUMOR, BUT LABELLED IT AS UNCONFIRMED.) EXPRESO DESCRIBES VOA AS PART OF WHAT IT CALLS USIS' LARGE OPERATIONS HERE. IT ALSO STATES THAT AFRTS JUXTAPOSED ETHIOPIAN AND PERUVIAN NEWS TO FURTHER ALARM ITS LISTENERS. IN A SEPARATE STORY, EXPRESO ALLEGES ITS EMPLOYEES CAUGHT A CIA AGENT (SIC) DURING FRUSTRATED MOB ATTEMPT ON FEBRUARY 5 TO SET FIRE TO EXPRESO OFFICES. NEWSPAPER ACCUSES LUIS ADOLFO PORTAL VELASQUEZ LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF BEING AGENT, CLAIMING HE WORKED FOR US COMPANY AND ONCE STUDIED ENGLISH AT USIS BINATIONAL CENTER. PORTAL IS SAID TO HAVE LATER STUDIED IN CHILE AND TO HAVE WORKED FOR VARIOUS CHILEAN FISHING COMPANIES, INCLUDING ONE OWNED BY THE EDWARDS FAMILY, FROM 1967-73. WHEN ALLENDE WAS OVERTHROWN, PORTAL RETURNED TO LIMA, ENTERING A UNIVERSITY. ACCORDING TO EXPRESO, HE USED COVER AS A UNIVERSITY STUDENT TO INCITE APRISTA HORDES AGAINST EXPRESO.

4. PERUVIAN PRESS ALSO COMPLAINS ABOUT FOREIGN WIRE SERVICE COVERAGE OF RIOTS. SUCH COVERAGE LED TO GOP DECISION TO CLOSE DOWN REUTERS OFFICE, AND FOREIGN AGENCIES CONTINUE TO FEAR THAT THIS OR SIMILAR ACTION COULD BE TAKEN AGAINST THEM.

5. RECOMMENDATION: WE RECOMMEND CONTINUED VOA DISSEMINATION OF DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S DENIAL OF CIA INVOLVEMENT IN RECENT EVENTS IN PERU.

6. EMBASSY ALSO PLANS ISSUE PRESS RELEASE TODAY TO PRESS AND OTHER LOCAL MEDIA BASED ON DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT (STATE 28577). WE WILL CABLE TEXT OF THIS STATEMENT LATER TODAY.  
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